

Washington, **Feb 20** - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence issued the following statement today regarding the announcement that Columbus

Pence at Columbus Regional

Hospital

Regional Hospital will receive \$46 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to aid in recovery from the flood of June 2008:

"On behalf of the thousands of Hoosier families that benefit daily from Columbus Regional Hospital, I was grateful to learn of the \$46,012,577.00 Public Assistance Grant being made available by FEMA to aid in the continuing recovery from the Flood of 2008. These resources are a tribute to the sacrifice and professionalism of Jim Bickel and all the staff at Columbus Regional Hospital during one of our cities darkest hours. Our community owes a debt of gratitude to all the dedicated men and women of Columbus Regional Hospital for their service to our community and for their efforts in securing these vital federal resources."